# BEFORE THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation ) Against:	
Oscar Galindo, P.A.	Case No. 950-2020-002687
Physician Assistant	
License No. PA 19847	
Respondent	

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Physician Assistant Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED February 9, 2023

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

Juan Armenta, President

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14	OSCAR GALINDO, P.A. 9309 Muroc Street	OAH No. 2022030875			
15	Bellflower, CA 90706	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND			
16	Physician Assistant License No. PA 19847	DISCIPLINARY ORDER			
17	Respondent.				
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20	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public				
21	interest and the responsibility of the Physician Assistant Board of the Department of Consumer				
22	Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order				
23	which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the				
24	Accusation.				
25	<u>PAR'</u>	FIES			
26	1. Rozana Khan (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Physician Assistant				
27	Board (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this				
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matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Artin DerOhanian, Deputy Attorney General.

- 2. Respondent Oscar Galindo, P.A. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Levik Yarian, Esq., whose address is: 500 East Olive Ave., Suite 720, Burbank, CA 91501.
- 3. On or about August 5, 2008, the Board issued Physician Assistant No. PA 19847 to Oscar Galindo, P.A. (Respondent). The Physician Assistant License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 950-2020-002687, and will expire on March 31, 2024, unless renewed.

# **JURISDICTION**

- 4. Accusation No. 950-2020-002687 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 8, 2022. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 950-2020-002687 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

# ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 950-2020-002687. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 950-2020-002687.
- 10. Respondent agrees that his Physician Assistant License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

# **CONTINGENCY**

- I1. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Physician Assistant Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Physician Assistant Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. Respondent agrees that if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the Board. all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 950-2020-002687 shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.

It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

# **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician Assistant license number PA 19847 issued to Respondent Oscar Galindo, P.A. is revoked. However the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years upon the following terms and conditions:

1. <u>ETHICS COURSE</u>. Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval a course in ethics. The course shall be limited to classroom, conference, or seminar settings. Respondent shall successfully complete the course within the first year of probation.

Respondent shall pay the cost of the course.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee within 15 days after completing the course.

2. <u>PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION/TREATMENT</u>. Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo a psychological evaluation by a Board appointed psychological evaluator who shall furnish a psychological report and recommendations to the Board or its designee.

Following the evaluation, Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluating physician within 15 calendar days after notification by the Board or its designee.

Respondent may, based on the evaluator's report and recommendations, be required by the Board or its designee to undergo psychological treatment. Upon notification, Respondent shall

 within 30 days submit for prior approval the name and qualifications of a psychological practitioner of Respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating psychological practitioner, Respondent shall undergo and continue psychological treatment until further notice from the Board or its designee. Respondent shall have the treating psychological practitioner submit quarterly status reports to the Board or its designee indicating whether the Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychological evaluations and treatment.

If the evaluator or treating practitioner determines that the Respondent is a danger to the public, upon notification, Respondent shall immediately cease practicing as a physician assistant until notified in writing by the Board or its designee that Respondent may resume practice.

- 3. <u>ON-SITE SUPERVISION</u>. The supervising physician shall be on site at least 50% of the time Respondent is practicing.
- 4. APPROVAL OF SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN. Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval the name and license number of the supervising physician and a practice plan detailing the nature and frequency of supervision to be provided. Respondent shall not practice until the supervising physician and practice plan are approved by the Board or its designee.

Respondent shall have the supervising physician submit quarterly reports to the Board or its designee.

If the supervising physician resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within 15 days, submit the name and license number of a new supervising physician for approval.

Respondent shall not practice until a new supervising physician has been approved by the Board or its designee.

5. NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYER AND SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN. Respondent shall notify his/her current and any subsequent employer and supervising physician(s) of the discipline and provide a copy of the accusation, decision, and order to each employer and supervising physician(s) during his/her period of probation, before accepting or continuing employment. Respondent shall ensure that each employer informs the Board or its designee, in

writing within 30 days, verifying that the employer and supervising physician(s) have received a copy of Accusation, Decision, and Order.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in place of employment.

The Respondent shall provide to the Board or its designee the names, physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of all employers, supervising physicians, and work site monitor, and shall inform the Board or its designee in writing of the facility or facilities at which the person practices as a physician assistant.

Respondent shall give specific, written consent to the Board or its designee to allow the Board or its designee to communicate with the employer, supervising physician, or work site monitor regarding the licensee's work status, performance, and monitoring.

- 6. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u>. Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine as a physician assistant in California and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.
- 7. QUARTERLY REPORTS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board or its designee, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- 8. OTHER PROBATION REQUIREMENTS. Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board and probation unit informed of Respondent's business and residence addresses. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board and probation unit. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by California Code of Regulations 1399.511.

Respondent shall appear in person for an initial probation interview with Board or its designee within 90 days of the decision. Respondent shall attend the initial interview at a time and place determined by the Board or its designee.

Respondent shall, at all times, maintain a current and renewed physician assistant license.

Respondent shall also immediately inform probation unit, in writing, of any travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) days.

- 9. <u>INTERVIEW WITH MEDICAL CONSULTANT</u>. Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board's medical or expert physician assistant consultant upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.
- 10. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than 30 calendar days. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not practicing as a physician assistant. Respondent shall not return to practice until the supervising physician is approved by the Board or its designee.

If, during probation, Respondent moves out of the jurisdiction of California to reside or practice elsewhere, including federal facilities, Respondent is required to immediately notify the Board in writing of the date or departure, and the date or return, if any.

Practicing as a physician assistant in another state of the United States or federal jurisdiction while on active probation with the physician assistant licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice.

All time spent in a clinical training program that has been approved by the Board or its designee, shall not be considered non-practice. Non-practice due to a Board ordered suspension or in compliance with any other condition or probation, shall not be considered a period of non-practice.

Any period of non-practice, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term. Periods of non-practice do not relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the terms and conditions of probation.

It shall be considered a violation of probation if for a total of two years, Respondent fails to practice as a physician assistant. Respondent shall not be considered in violation for non-practice as long as Respondent is residing and practicing as a physician assistant in another state of the United States and is on active probation with the physician assistant licensing authority of that

state, in which case the two year period shall begin on the date probation is completed or terminated in that state.

- 11. <u>UNANNOUNCED CLINICAL SITE VISIT</u>. The Board or its designee may make unannounced clinical site visits at any time to ensure that Respondent is complying with all terms and conditions of probation.
- 12. <u>CONDITION FULFILLMENT</u>. A course, evaluation, or treatment completed after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of the condition.
- 13. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u>. Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., cost recovery, probation costs) no later than 60 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.
- 14. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u>. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- Assistant Board the amount of \$11,765.00 for its investigative costs, which will be paid pursuant to a monthly installment plan established by the probation monitor and commencing within 90 days from the effective date of this decision. Failure to reimburse the Board costs for its investigation shall constitute a violation of the probation order, unless the Board agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of financial hardship. The filing of bankruptcy by the Respondent shall not relieve the Respondent of his/her responsibility to reimburse the Board for its investigative costs.
- 16. <u>PROBATION MONITORING COSTS</u>. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which

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may be adjusted on an annual basis. The costs shall be made payable to the Physician Assistant Board and delivered to the Board no later than January 31 of each calendar year.

VOLUNTEER LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this probation, if Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons, or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request, in writing, the voluntary surrender of Respondent's license to the Board. Respondent's written request to surrender his or her license shall include the following: his or her name, license number, case number, address of record, and an explanation of the reason(s) why Respondent seeks to surrender his or her license. The Board reserves the right to evaluate the Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Respondent shall not be relieved of the requirements of his or her probation unless the Board or its designee notifies Respondent in writing that Respondent's request to surrender his or her license has been accepted. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall, within 15 days, deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its designee and shall no longer practice as a physician assistant. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation and the surrender of Respondent's license shall be deemed disciplinary action. If Respondent re-applies for a physician assistant license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked license.

# **ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Levik Yarian, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician Assistant. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Physician Assistant Board.

DATED: 19/2/22

OSCAR GALINE Respondent

SEE ATTACHED NOTARY

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (950-2020-002687)

# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

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State of California County ofLOS ANGEL	ES	)			
On 11/09/2022	before me,	H. HAL	IM, NOTA	ARY PUBLIC - and title of the officer)	
		(inse	ert name a	and title of the officer)	
personally appeared OSCAR	GALINDO				
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.					
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.					
WITNESS my hand and official	seal.				
Signature A		_ (Sea	al)	H. HALIM  COMM. #2330511  Notary Public - California  Los Angeles County  My Comm. Expires July 19, 2024	

i	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Oscar Galindo, P.A. the terms and				
2	conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.				
3	I approve its form and content.				
4	DATED: 11-09-22 Nellelly West.				
5	LEVIK YARIAN, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent				
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7	ENDORSEMENT				
8	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully				
9	submitted for consideration by the Physician Assistant Board.				
10	DATED: 11/10/2022 Respectfully submitted,				
11	ROB BONTA				
12	Attorney General of California KIM KASRELIOVICH				
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 950-2020-002687

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21	PARTIES CONTRACTOR OF A PARTIES					
22	1. Rozana Khan (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as					
23	the Executive Officer of the Physician Assistant Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.					
24	2. On or about August 5, 2008, the Physician Assistant Board issued Physician Assistant					
25	License Number PA 19847 to OSCAR GALINDO, P.A. (Respondent). The Physician Assistant					
26	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will					
27	expire on March 31, 2022, unless renewed.					
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(OSCAR GALINDO, P.A.) ACCUSATION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Physician Assistant Board (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 3527 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

- (a) The board may order the denial of an application for, or the issuance subject to terms and conditions of, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon a PA license after a hearing as required in Section 3528 for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, a violation of this chapter, a violation of the Medical Practice Act, or a violation of the regulations adopted by the board or the Medical Board of California.
- (d) The board may order the licensee to pay the costs of monitoring the probationary conditions imposed on the license.
- (e) The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a PA license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.
- 5. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension/expiration/
  surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to
  proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed,
  restored, reissued or reinstated.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Section 490 of the Code states:

- (a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- (c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on

appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

(d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the application of this section has been made unclear by the holding in *Petropoulos* v. *Department of Real Estate* (2006) 142 Cal.App.4th 554, and that the holding in that case has placed a significant number of statutes and regulations in question, resulting in potential harm to the consumers of California from licensees who have been convicted of crimes. Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that this section establishes an independent basis for a board to impose discipline upon a licensee, and that the amendments to this section made by Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2008 do not constitute a change to, but rather are declaratory of, existing law.

# 7. Section 2234 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conducts includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

# 8. Section 2236 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act]. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.

(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred.

#### 9. Section 3531 of the Code states:

A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge of a felony or of any offense which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession to which the license was issued is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this chapter. The board may order the license suspended or revoked, or shall decline to issue a license when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

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#### **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.521, states, in pertinent part:

In addition to the grounds set forth in section 3527, subd. (a), of the code the board may deny, issue, subject to terms and conditions, suspend, revoke or place on probation a physician assistant for the following causes:

- (a) Any violation of the State Medical Practice Act which would constitute unprofessional conduct for a physician and surgeon.
- 11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.525, states:
- (a) For the purposes of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to division 1.5 (commencing with section 475) of the code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license under the Physician Assistant Practice Act if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding such a license to perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare.
- (b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under subdivision (a) for a crime, the board shall consider the following criteria:
  - (1) The nature and gravity of the offense;
  - (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense; and,
  - (3) The nature and duties of a physician assistant.
- (c) For purposes of subdivision (a), substantially related crimes, professional misconduct, or acts shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the Medical Practice Act.
- (2) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the Physician Assistant Practice Act.
  - (6) Conviction for assault and/or battery.

#### COST RECOVERY

12. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being

renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

13. On or about the early morning November 14, 2014, officers were dispatched to a residence occupied by the Respondent and his girlfriend/victim J.S., regarding a domestic violence call. Respondent was involved in an argument with J.S. wherein Respondent pushed J.S. and punched J.S. three (3) times in the face making her fall on her bed. Thereafter, Respondent got on top of J.S., placed both hands around her neck and started to apply strong pressure. While J.S. was attempting to remove his hands, Respondent grabbed a hard stone object and pressed it firmly onto her face. J.S. told officers "I thought he was going to kill me by smashing the rock into my head. I was so scared, I just want to see my children." J.S. eventually got herself off the bed, exited the front door and ran down the street to a random house, and asked residents to call police. As a result of this incident, on or about August 6, 2020, in the criminal proceeding entitled The People of the State of California v. Oscar Galindo (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, Case No. 9BL08691), Respondent was convicted of violating Penal Code section 273.5(a), (domestic violence - corporal injury to spouse or cohabitant). Respondent was placed on probation for a term of three (3) years on certain terms and conditions.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction)

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 3527, 3531, 2234, and 2236, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1399.521 and 1399.525, in that Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and/or duties of a physician assistant. Complainant re-alleges paragraph 13 as if fully set forth herein.

#### DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

15. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about July 25, 2017, in a prior action, the Physician Assistant Board issued Citation Number 05-17 (Case No. 950-2016-001021) based on a criminal misdemeanor conviction ordered against Respondent on December 3, 2015, for violation of